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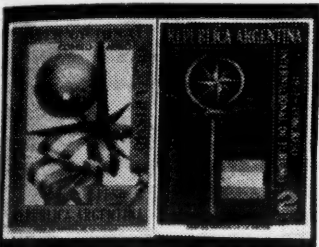
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Topical Collecting Featured

Argentina Issues 2, Demonetizes Over 50

On September 14, Argentina issued two airmail stamps in honor of the "International Travel Congress", in denominations of 1 and 2 pesos. The first shows a "Rose of the Winds" (mariner's compass) with a map of the globe toward the upper left, and the Argentine banner below.



The 2p features a large key, with the same compass design at the top end and the Argentine flag taking the place of the key arm at the lower. The low value is reddish sepia, and the high, greenish blue; 3,000,000 of each were printed.

At the same time the new set was announced, the Minister of Communications released a list of some 54 singles and souvenir sheets of the 1935-48 period which were demonetized as of September 1. Provisions are set up for the exchange of these old issues for valid stamps by persons interested.

Barbara Mueller To Speak, TMPS Dinner

Barbara R. Mueller, of Jefferson, Wis., author of the book, "Common Sense Philately", has been engaged to speak at the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society's banquet. The event, dated for Saturday October 12 at the Scottish Rite Temple, Bloomington, Ill., will mark the high point of the annual convention and exhibition of the group.

The show will be spread over three days, October 11-13, and will feature a large exhibition and bourse, with much emphasis on the junior collector.

Information concerning entries is obtainable from Roe H. Wilson, 208 S. Gridley St., Bloomington, Ill.; banquet reservations from Mrs. Roe H. Wilson, same address, and details on junior participation from Delbert Youngblood, 1301 N. Linden St., Bloomington, Ill.

Subscription Rates Advanced

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Our subscription rate for the United States has been \$1.00 per year since 1947. In that year our paper was running eight and twelve pages per week. Today, in 1957, it averages from 20 to 28.

It should be hardly necessary to point out that paper costs us twice as much in 1957 than it did in 1947; labor costs have more than doubled; postage rates have gone up several times; in fact everything concerned with the production of Linn's Weekly Stamp News has become twice as costly as ten years ago.

Other publications advanced their subscription prices many months ago. We decided to hold to our rate as long as possible, which we honestly and sincerely have done. For that reason we have not made a prior announcement of the increase — we think we have given all a reasonable grace period by keeping the subscription rate at a dollar for over ten years.

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Bird Watching With Stamps

Vera E. Sparkes

He who has a hobby is fortunate, but he who can combine two hobbies into a third and satisfying one is doubly blessed. Topical stamp collecting lends itself particularly to this combination.

Amateur ornithology, or "bird watching", in common parlance, is a hobby at which I have worked with considerable energy for a number of years. Stamp collecting, until recently, was a very minor interest, not much more than a carryover from a childhood stamp collection.

A short time ago, while re-mounting my rather meager stamp collection, I noticed for the first time that many countries had pictures of birds on their stamps. A page-by-page search through Scott's catalog revealed a tremendous number of bird stamps, and at that point a new topical collector was born.

Working entirely alone, I noticed that some stamps had very life-like portrayals of birds, while others had stylized birds, doves of peace, Roman eagles, or what I call "composite" birds. Because

real birds were my major interest, only the truly plausible birds on stamps appealed to me. There were enough of these, however,



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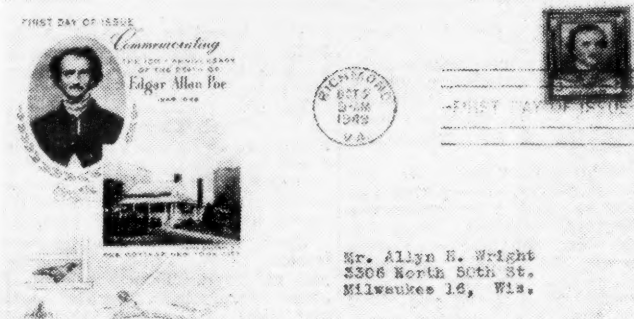
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Persons interested in further information about the ATA can send a stamped and self-addressed envelope to E. L. Cleveland, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 3, Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin.

Edgar Allen Poe

An Odd Sort Of Writer

Allyn H. Wright

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Edgar Allen Poe was an odd sort of writer. Known mainly for his "Gold Bug", and other weird stories, he really was a literary genius, even if some may not consider him so.

He was honored by the United States in 1949 by a 3c stamp, of the Famous American series type (Scott's No. 986). In 1948, Hungary honored him on an 8 forint stamp, deep olive green in color. This stamp depicted him writing, with a larger likeness of him at the right (Scott No. CB-8).

Edgar Allen Poe was born in Boston, January 19, 1809, of a theatrical family. On the death of his parents, he was adopted by the John Allens of Virginia. Receiving some education in England, he later attended a private school in Richmond, and the University of Virginia for one year.

He soldiered for three years (1827-31), the last three months of which were at West Point as a cadet. However, he was expelled from the Academy because of disobedience and neglect of duty.

His writings reflect a lifetime of suffering from poverty, ill health, and nervous melancholia. Most noted of his poems are "The Raven", "The Bells", and "Annabel Lee". Among his best known stories—which are many—are "The Gold Bug", "Murders in the Rue Morgue", the "Mystery of Marie Roget", and "The Cask of Amontillado". His poetry is outstanding as a display of a mastery of meter and atmosphere.

Not only did he do much with short stories and poetry—he was also quite a journalist. He was a literary critic and editor in Richmond, Va., Philadelphia, and New York City, on magazines which he raised to popularity and prosperity. He was editor of the Southern Literary Messenger, in 1835.

He became editor, in 1842, of Graham's Magazine. In 1844 he turned to the newspaper field, and became editor of the New York Evening Mirror, for one year.

It was his inability to control his frequent desire for strong drink that kept him from holding these positions longer. He died in Baltimore, Md. at the age of forty.

Because he was, for part of his life, a journalist, he is included in topical collections on Journalism and Philately. For collectors interested in this phase of stamp collecting, there is the Joseph Pulitzer Journalism Unit of the American Topical Assn. They have their own "NEWS-BULLETIN", which features articles such as this, along with check-lists, biographies, and news.

Information on this unit, or on The American Topical Assn. (with its many other units and chapters) is available from the writer of this article at 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee 16, Wis.

Topical Collecting Field Growing Fast

The current issue of "Topical Time", official journal of the American Topical Assn., carries a brief summary of the growth of this interesting philatelic publication during the past year. During 1956 individual issues averaged over 56 pages as compared to around 40 pages in 1954, indicative of the rapidly increasing interest in topical collecting.

This trend continues—the mid-summer issue having 52 pages, jammed with a wealth of information valuable to all topical collectors. The lead-off article, "The Story and Development of Communications on Stamps" by Dr. F. E. Colien, a top award winner at the recent TOPEX, is the first in a series devoted to an unusual topic.

Another short series, "Bridge Stamps of the World" by John S. Taylor covers an extremely popular topic with a comprehensive check list. Stamps related to Rotary, scientists, books, flags, Masonry, bananas, maps, Americana and religion all receive recognition through articles and checklists in this issue.

Despite end-of-the-year reports and an article on the society's sixth annual convention and exhibition held in Chicago in June,

the ATA continues its policy of devoting the major part of the space in its publications to stamps and matters pertaining to stamps.

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Tri-State Show At Concord In October

The annual Tri-State Collectors' exhibition will be held in the Concord, N. H. State Armory, rear of City Hall, October 26-27. Planned for the Maine-Vermont-New Hampshire area, is it primarily a philatelic affair, but it is regularly expanded to include entries of interest to numismatists and a variety of other collectors.

One feature of the occasion will be a large dealers' bourse; information about it and other matters, and copies of the prospectus, may be obtained from the Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition, P. O. Box 391, Concord, N. H. Exhibitors are not limited to the tri-state area, and material from more distant points will be welcome.

Baltimore POSTEX Features Stationery

An international exhibition devoted exclusively to Postal Stationery will be held in the War Memorial Bldg., Baltimore, Md., October 11-13. Sponsored by the Collectors Club of Baltimore with full cooperation from the United Postal Stationery Society and the United States Envelope Society, this exhibition will be one of the outstanding philatelic events of this year.

A full schedule of events includes an awards banquet Saturday evening with Ernest Kehr, stamp editor of the New York Herald Tribune as guest speaker. For Friday evening an "Open House" will be held.

An auction featuring the FIPEX medal winning postal stationery collection of Leighton Wells will be held Saturday afternoon at the Emerson Hotel, the official headquarters.

Awards representing a total value of almost \$1000 will be made. The grand award is a silver punch bowl. The best in foreign is a distinctive silver ice bucket. There are also eight silver tea services for the gold awards, together with silver trays for the silver and bronze awards. In addition to the above there will be numerous special awards by various clubs and public officials.

The Post Office Department has arranged for a branch post office at the exhibition with a special cancellation for the show. In addition, the Department will furnish a special post office exhibit.

The exhibition cachet will be applied to 3c entires and will be available to collectors with the exhibition cancellation at the rate of 15c each, 2 for 25c, or 3 for 40c.

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19	231X19	5c 1875 N.Y. Postmaster VF	225.00
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199	231X199	5c 1875 N.Y. Postmaster VF	225.00
200	231X200	5c 1875 N.Y. Postmaster VF	225.00

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317	#428 5c blk VF-Superb OG		7.75
318	#429 5c blk VF-Superb OG		13.50
319	#430 7c blk VF OG		11.00
320	#431 8c blk VF-Superb OG		14.50
321	#432 9c blk VF OG		12.50
322	#433 10c blk Superb OG		13.50
323	#434 11c blk VF-Superb OG		10.50
324	#435 12c blk VF-Sup. OG		12.50
325	#437 15c Blk Superb OG		59.50
326	#438 20c VF-Superb OG		14.00
327	#439 20c blk VF-Superb OG		62.50
328	#439 30c blk VF-Superb OG	"A Gem"	21.00
329	#439 30c blk VF-Superb OG		21.00
330	#440 50c Superb OG rich color	"A Gem"	75.00
331	#440 50c blk Superb OG NH	"A Gem"	315.00
332	#441 10c blk VF-Superb OG		41.50
333	#442-473 1c-11c VF-Superb OG		51.00
334	#463 2c blk F-VF OG pl. #7942		10.00
335	#464 3c blk VF-Superb OG		32.50
336	#468 4c blk VF-Superb OG		13.00
337	#468 4c blk VF-Superb OG		17.50
338	#468 5c double error in blk of 12		
	F-VF OG rare		140.00
	#468 6c blk VF-Sup. OG		28.50
340	#470 8c blk VF-Superb OG		20.00
341	#470 8c blk VF-Superb OG		17.50
342	#471 9c blk VF OG		11.00
343	#472 10c blk VF-Sup OG rare		52.50
344	#472 11c blk VF OG		61.00
345	#473 10c blk VF-Sup. OG rare		12.50
346	#476 20c blk VF-Superb OG		
	rich color "A Gem"		75.00
347	#477 50c VF-Superb OG "A Gem"		105.00
348	#478 1.00 Superb OG "A Gem"		85.00
349	#478 1.00 Superb OG "A Gem"		
	rich color "A Gem"		350.00
50	#479 \$2.00 VF-Superb OG "A Gem"		24.50
51	#479 \$2.00 blk VF-Superb OG		110.00
52	#480 \$5.00 blk VF-Superb OG		25.00
53	#480 \$5.00 blk VF-Superb OG rare		25.00
54	#481-484 1c-3c blks Superb OG	"A Gem"	110.00
55	#488-518 1c-\$1.00 VF OG		15.50
56	#498-518 1c-\$1.00 VF OG		100.00
57	#502 5c blk VF OG		4.50
58	#503 5c error in blk of 9		
	Superb OG "A Gem"		105.00
59	#505 5c error as above but VF OG		85.00
60	#517 50c blk VF-Superb OG		12.50
61	#519 2c VF OG		25.00
62	#519 2c blk VF OG rare		17.50
63	#523 20c Superb OG NH "A Gem"		68.50
64	#523 \$2.00 VF OG fresh		55.00
65	#523 \$2.00 blk VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"		285.00
66	#524 \$5.00 Superb OG "A Gem"		19.50
67	#524 \$5.00 VF OG		19.50
68	#534 \$5.00 blk VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"		92.50
69	#536 1c blk Superb OG rare		14.50
70	#537 3c blk Superb OG fresh		7.00
71	#537A 3c 1c F-VF OG		75.00
72	#538A 510A 1c-2c blks VF-Sup. OG		22.50
73	#540 2c blk F-VF OG		3.50
74	#541 1c blk VF-Sup. OG		24.00
75	#542-543 1c blk VF-Superb OG		4.25
76	#546 2c blk VF-Sup. OG		18.50
77	#547 \$2.00 Superb OG "A Gem"		16.00
78	#547 \$2.00 VF OG fresh		77.50
79	#547 \$2.00 blk VF-Sup. OG		80.00
80	#547 \$2.00 T. Arrow blk VF OG		34.50
81	#548-550 1c-5c VF-Superb OG		28.50
82	#550 5c blk VF-Superb OG		37.50
83	#551-573 1c-\$5.00 blk VF-Superb OG		185.00
84	#573 \$5.00 T. Arrow blk Superb OG		7.50
85	#578 1c VF-Superb OG NH		10.00
86	#578 2c VF-Superb OG NH		40.00
87	#579 2c blk VF-Superb OG		20.00
88	#582B 2c booklet panes VG OG		3.50
89	#582-591 1c-10c VF-Superb OG		10.50
90	#581-601 1c-10c VF-Superb OG		45.00
91	#610-612 2c blks VF OG		13.50
92	#611 2c blk Superb OG NH		5.50
93	#612 2c center line blk (4)		
	Superb OG "A Gem"		39.50
94	#612 2c Superb OG NH		1.00
95	#612 2c blk VF-Superb OG		7.50
96	#612 2c blk VF OG NH		9.50
97	#614-616 1c-5c Superb OG		7.00
98	#616 5c VF OG		26.00
99	#616 5c blk Superb OG deep color		3.75
100	#617-619 1c-5c VF OG		3.75
101	#617-619 1c-5c blks VF OG		16.50
102	#620-621 2c Superb OG		14.00
103	#620-621 2c-5c Superb OG		4.25
104	#621 5c blk VF OG fresh		18.50
105	#626 5c blk VF-Superb OG		8.00
106	#629 1c Plains sheet of 25		
	VF-Superb OG		47.50
107	#631 1.5c blk Superb OG NH		11.00
108	#632-642 692-701 1c-50c VF OG		10.50
109	#632-642 693 1c-10c VF-Superb OG		11.00
110	#640 1c VF-Superb OG		11.50
111	#648 5c blk VF OG NH		10.00
112	#658-668 Kansas VF-Superb OG		27.50
113	#658-668 1c-10c Kansas blks		
	Superb OG "hand-picked"		125.00
114	#667-678 Nebraska VF-Superb OG		32.50
115	#669-679 1c-10c Nebraska VF-Superb OG		
	VF-Superb OG "Hand Picked"		165.00
116	#692-701 1c-10c blks VF-Sup. OG		40.00
117	#704A 50c lilac rare shade Superb OG		15.00
118	#704-715 1c-10c blk VF-Superb OG		4.00
119	#704-715 1c-10c blk VF-Superb OG		16.75
120	#859-893 singles VF OG		
121	#859-893 blks VF-Superb OG		35.00
122	#915-1953 VF OG "Face \$150.00"		(50)
	1945-1953 VF OG		200.00
U. S. AIRMAILS, SINGLES, BLKS, ETC.			
★	#C1-3 6c-24c Superb OG		21.00
★	#C1-3 6c-24c VF OG		18.50
★	#C1-3 6c-24c blks VF-Superb OG		90.00
★	#C1-3 6c-24c blks VF-Superb OG		80.00
★	#C2 16c blk Superb OG NH "A Gem"		20.00
★	#C2 16c blk VF OG		38.50
★	#C2 16c C. Line blk Superb OG		
★	#C3 24c blk Superb OG		65.00
★	#C3 24c blk VF-Superb OG		27.50
★	#C3 24c blk Fine OG		23.50
★	#C3 24c L. Arrow blk VF-Sup. OG		32.50
★	#C4 8c-24c VF OG		16.00
★	#C4 8c-24c VF OG NH "Gems"		21.50
★	#C4 8c-24c blks VF OG		16.00
★	#C4 8c blk Superb OG		5.75
★	#C5 16c blk VF-Superb OG		25.00
★	#C5 16c blk VF-Superb OG fresh		42.50
★	#C6 24c blk VF OG		35.00
★	#C7-47, CEI-2 VF OG less C13-15, 18, 19		14.00
★	#C7-47, CEI-2 as above but blks		57.50
★	#C13-15 Zepps Superb OG NH "Gems"		135.00
★	#C13-15 Zepps Superb OG fresh		118.50
★	#C13-15 blks Superb OG NH "Gems"		75.00
★	#C13-15 Zepps blks VF OG		90.00
★	#C13 65c blk VF OG		90.00
★	#C14 \$1.30 VF Zepps VF-Superb OG		180.00
★	#C14 \$1.30 used VF		70.00
★	#C15 \$2.60 Superb OG "A Gem"		70.00
★	#C15 \$2.60 VF used		57.50
★	#C15 \$2.60 blk VF-Sup. OG		300.00
★	#C18 50c Zepps VF-Superb OG		8.75
★	#C18 50c blk VF-Sup. OG		37.50
★	#C3 5c cpl. coil of 50 VF OG		60.00
★	CM2-5 6c "R.F." overprints (Scott		
★	page 217) VF OG rare		35.00
★	#E2 10c blk VF-Sup. OG rare		40.00
★	#E2 \$1.00 blk VF-Sup. OG rare		20.00
★	#E7 10c VF-Superb OG		3.50
★	#E8 10c VF OG fresh		4.75
★	#E8 10c blk VF-Superb OG rare		21.50
★	#E9 10c VF-Superb OG		15.00
★	#E10 10c VF-Sup. OG NH		27.50
★	#E11 10c blk VF OG		2.75
★	#F1 10c VF-Sup. OG		51.00
★	#F1 10c blk VF OG O		15.00
★	#K1-18 2c-\$2.00 Shanghai VF OG rare		80.00
★	#Q1-12 1c-\$1.00 Superb OG "Gems		77.50
★	#Q1-12 1c-\$1.00 blks VF-Superb OG		
★	"Gems" rare		350.00
★	#Q1-11 1c-75c VF-Superb OG fresh		45.00
★	#Q10 50c Superb OG fresh "A Gem"		20.00
★	#Q10 50c blk VF OG fresh		70.00
★	#Q10 50c B. Pl. blk (4) VF-Sup. OG rare		100.00
★	#Q10 50c T. Pl. Blk (4) VF-Sup. OG rare		
★	#Q12 \$1.00 Superb OG fresh "A Gem"		37.50
★	#Q12 \$1.00 blk Superb OG		160.00
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Earl P. L. Apfelbaum Speaks . . .

For the information of those who do not know, Mr. Apfelbaum was the Secretary of the American Philatelic Society, prior to the recent convention in Tampa. Mr. Apfelbaum is also a stamp dealer in Philadelphia and one feature of his business in his auction sales. It is through the auction catalogues that Mr. Apfelbaum speaks. He says many things that he could not say as an officer of the A.P.S., through its official journal.

To get to the point of matters, in a recent copy of a catalog we found three of his brief paragraphs on which we want to comment and in order to do so it is necessary that we quote them. The first paragraph follows:

"We have all read of the iniquities of a small percentage of approval dealers who prey on beginners and children by selling them overpriced and underconditioned junk. These dealers must advertise to get business, and the only place to stop them is at the publication level where any respectable publisher accepts only ethical and honest advertising. You may hope for a plan soon to be put in action that will serve as a 'policeman' by attacking the problem at the advertising level."

We understand the "plan" as referred to above has been worked out by some officers of the American Philatelic Society. Just what the plan is we do not know, but judging from the wording above it must have something to do with "dishonest advertising". Just who is to be the judge as to which or what advertisement is dishonest, we do not know. Also we do not know if a dealer once found guilty of dishonest advertising, is to be barred from further use of space in the journals that will offer to go along and support such a plan.



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To our way of think, the question is not so much dishonest advertising as it is dishonest merchandising. The whole matter as we believe the A.P.S. views it, is more a question of unsolicited approvals and the dishonest merchandising of stamps on approval. At least that has been our experience in watching these cheap approval dealers over the past 60 years. We are ready to go on record by saying that we do not wholly condemn the sending of unsolicited approvals. We believe that this practice if honestly done is helpful in interesting many young and prospective collectors. The fault however is in the dishonest and malicious offering of labels that are not stamps, fiscal cancels and trash of any and every nature that is not included in the Scott Catalogue and that has no recognition among stamp collectors as legitimate material. It also includes poor and even damaged copies of stamps that no knowing collector would ever think of buying. In addition to this there are stamps that are priced at double, triple and even up to five or more times as much as they are priced in Scott's.

We have seen all this sort of junk in approvals sent to children—children who do not know and who might be tempted to purchase such material. Therein lies the dishonesty and any sincere effort on the part of any group to break up this sort of business can only succeed if all publishers will agree to refuse advertising space to any dealer who is found guilty. Such dealers should first be warned. Given 30 days to clean up his approval sendings and then told bluntly that if he is again caught at the same practices that his name will be posted and decent publishers will thereafter refuse advertising copy of any nature from him. This is a perpetual or annual job, for each year there is a big crop of new collectors among the children and they can only be protected by a constant watch on the dishonest people who prey on them. In any attempt to clean up this sort of business it must be noted that such magazines as Popular Mechanics and various boys' publications are the advertising field through which the sharpies get most of their business. Will such publications crack down on these wolves?

The next interesting paragraph in Mr. Apfelbaum's auction catalogue has to do with the type of questionable labels that we have been attacking in the past couple years. Mr. Apfelbaum refers to this class of material as the "Made in New York" stamp issues. Here is the second paragraph.

"Sometimes we despair of success, but we will never stop attacking the 'Made in New York' stamp issues for what they are—a racket to bilk stamp collectors in the name of dishonest and get-rich quick business methods. There are probably over 150,000 major varieties of postage stamps that have been issued by legitimate government edict. Of these at least 75,000 exist in sufficient quantity to be readily available to any collector. Very few collections ever reach fifty per cent of completion, so it appears that if all a collector's available money is spent on legitimate issues he isn't likely to exhaust the possibilities of acquiring 'good' things. It is almost a certainty that no one would knowingly buy the phantom junk that is flooded upon the market. Only through ignorance of facts are collectors led to spend money for this wall paper. It therefore is the duty of every informed collector and all publishers to unmask the trash as soon as it appears, and save innocent people untold amounts of money that could go into good sound stamps."

The pity about this kind of business is that too many stamp dealers take an active interest in promoting the trash. For example, a high official in the ASDA offered this material in his wholesale catalogue. Other wholesalers also offered the trash. We believe that it is the duty of the ASDA to use every effort to discourage the marketing of any questionable or spurious material. We know that the ASDA does in many instances block the sale and marketing of actual counterfeits of genuine stamps. To our way of thinking any counterfeit of any stamp is a far more desirable thing to acquire and put into a collection than is any of this trashy label material that so often creeps into the market, yet an official of the ASDA offered it openly in his wholesale price lists. Many reputable stamp dealers refuse to become members of the ASDA principally because of its lack of disciplining those who offer questionable material. We believe that membership in the ASDA should be a guarantee to the collector that any transaction with any member will be an honorable one. So much for that second paragraph.

We especially appreciate this third paragraph which Mr. Apfelbaum has published. What he says about the earlier days of philatelic publishing is quite true.

"Old-fashioned editors—the crusading type—have almost disappeared from the United States. At one time we had several in the stamp collecting field, and the magazines that they published boiled with causes that were close to the editor's heart. There appears to be only one of these interesting personages remaining on the scene: George Linn of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. Week after week in his editorial column he praises or paddles, glorifies or lampoons some philatelic issue. No one always agrees with Linn. Some few never agree, but everyone respects his pen and the influence it wields on fifty thousand or more readers."

SMILEATELICS

Bob Rieker



"Minutes of the last meeting: Harry Flybottle got up and gave a rather dull and uninteresting talk on inverted centers . . . there was little or no applause."

20,000 Leagues Under The Sea

Hart Simonson

Monaco's 25fr stamp in the Jules Verne set honors his book "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea". It also recalls the longest hitch-hike ride of all time—the travels and adventures of three men who were picked up in mid-ocean, and traveled over 50,000 miles under all the oceans of the world, in a submarine over 85 years ahead of its time.



The stamps of Monaco are a veritable paradise for the topical stamp collector, and this 25fr item is no exception. It will appeal to a wide variety of interests. Collectors of authors and writers on stamps will gladly welcome Jules Verne, who was the father of science fiction, and who has kept scientists and inventors hopping for 90 years to achieve the modern marvels foretold by this prophetic ship.

Ship topicalists are given an excellent view of Captain Nemo's "Nautilus", and the powerful electric searchlight that lit up the dark ocean depths for a mile around—a decade before Edison invented the incandescent lamp! This submarine could descend to depths not even approached until the bathyspheres of recent years. This remarkable vessel possessed speed and cruising range which were never equalled until the first atomic submarine, the U. S. navy's modern "Nautilus" was launched in 1955.

Topical collectors of marine biology also have their inning on this stamp. Fish like the narwhal, shark, cachalot and whale, which had major roles in this world record hitch-hike under the sea, are not depicted. However, a jellyfish or Portuguese man-of-war is shown, as well as a tentacled cephalopod. (Cephalopod means, literally, having the feet attached to the head).

In order to coincide with the locale of the attack on the submarine which is described in the book, this monster should be the giant squid (Architeuthis), but the artist's representation on the stamp appears to belong in the octopus family.

Still other marine animals are illustrated on this stamp, but precise identification is not available. The postal authorities of Monaco have been queried for the official listing of the species of marine life portrayed on this stamp. Once this is received, we shall be glad to verify the theories of any of you ichthyologists who want to confirm how your detective work compares with the artist's conception of these aquatic animals. Happy sleuthing!

NEW TOPICALS

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1957 STAMP PROGRAM

Wildlife Conservation (details not announced).

ALREADY ISSUED

1086 — Hamilton 3c, New York, N. Y. January 11.

1087 — Polio 3, Washington, D. C. January 15.

1088 — C & GS 3c, Seattle, Wash., February 11.

1089 — Architects 3c, New York, N. Y. February 23.

1090 — Steel 3c, New York, N. Y. May 22.

1091 — Jamestown 3c, Norfolk, Va., June 10.

1092 — Oklahoma 3c, Oklahoma City, Okla., June 14.

1093 — Teachers 3c, Philadelphia, Pa., July 1.

1094 — U. S. Flag 4c, Washington, D. C., July 4.

1095 — Shipbuilding 3c, Bath, Me., August 15.

1096 — Magsaysay 8c, Washington, D. C., August 31.

1097 — La Fayette 3c, Fayetteville, N. C., Easton, Pa., and Louisville, Ky., September 6.

C49 — Air Force 6c, Washington, D. C., August 1.

E21—Special Delivery 30c, Indianapolis, Ind., September 3.

CANADA

Oct. 10—5c Royal Visit, Ottawa, Canada (See Linn's of September 16 for FDC details).

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There seems to be quite a bit of certainty in several non-official places that the forthcoming Wild Life Conservation commm., at the moment the last on the docket for 1957, will be in three colors, and will picture the almost extinct Whooping Crane.

This, if true, means that the Giori press will again be assigned to a commm. If the Wildlife is as pretty as two other products of this machine — the U. S. Flag, and the Magsaysay — we'll have a dandy. According to Belmont Faries, stamp editor of the Washington Sunday Star, the format will probably be vertical so that the bird or birds can be shown on the ground. A 1955 Canadian stamp pictured a pair in flight.

Bob Hines of the Fish and Wild Life Service is said to have been assigned the design. He has previously provided the artwork for the Wild Turkey, Pronghorn Antelope and the King Salmon. Release is expected in late October or November.

Mr. Faries points out that the stamp is intended as propaganda to make hunters especially conscious of protection for this species. At that time of the year the surviving "Whoopers" make their annual 2000-mile flight from Canada's Great Slave Lake nesting grounds to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

As far as is known there are only 27 of the Cranes in existence, this as per count last spring. That figure included a pair in the zoo at New Orleans — which came forth with two chicks recently. There were three young birds sighted at the Canadian refuge, also.

1. What denomination of the Columbians shows Queen Isabella pledging her jewels?
2. Which denomination of the Columbians shows Columbus presenting natives at the Court of Spain?

A good friend, whose philatelic opinions I respect greatly, has come up with a thought on the recently publicized die proof of the 1918 24c airmail invert. There was a pane of 100 stamps sold through the Washington, D.C. post office on which the blue airplane was inverted in the carmine frame.

In recent weeks our pages have carried the news of the discovery of a die proof of the invert. The government successfully sued its owner for possession, it apparently being the only one known. Commenting about this bit of paper, my friend writes — "I hope you are fully aware of the significance of the existence of such an item. The man who wanted to produce the inverts made — as any good printer would — the test first, of see what the final product would be like. Then he proceeded with the printing on regular stamp paper. And finally, one of the products found its way into the post office.

"With such a sequence of events, the name 'error' for the 24c invert no longer applies in my opinion. It has become a hoax, and should be classified as such.

"Hoaxes have sometimes gone through the mails inadvertently, but that does not make them stamps."

"The 24c invert seems to lack now the most important feature of an error, namely that it happened accidentally or inadvertently. When even a die proof exists, then this is really a nice way of showing that the regular production procedure was followed."

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that this week's edition is devoted to topical philately. It, and the popular collecting by country, are the type thing which attracts and holds 99 1/2% of all the people interested in our hobby. Few have the talent or the patience for research, something which would bore most collectors to death, just as it would in any other highly specialized and intense pursuit of knowledge.

Topical and country collecting are the fun part of stamping and for that reason have the followers. The designs, the colors, the foreign country name — what magic, what pleasure, what travel they provide! No worry here whether two look-alike stamps have similar fly-sheets.

A lot of folks just collect United States, which, of course, if pursued in all its aspects, will give a lifetime of stamping. But, should it get expensive or a little old, turn your attention to topicals. You'll never have so much philatelic fun.

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Now the mail comes with letters telling of the discovery of errors on the three-colored Magsaysay — color errors. Here it is the same old story again — lack of imagination — and the forgetting of information which has been printed here a number of times.

A number of keen-eyed collectors have noted that the colors are not always in the exact same place — the blue varying in position with the red and ochre.

It's all very simple — no errors are involved!

Each sheet is passed through the printing press twice. One time it is given the blue color, another the red and ochre. It is almost impossible to have the paper in the exact same place going through the press both times. That being the case there will be variations in the position of the colors.

Joe R. Small of Easton, Pa. where Lafayette College is located, tells me about the hand cancel used on first day covers deposited on the campus. Easton was one of three cities given first day privileges for the La Fayette 3c commm.

In the regular Easton post office the usual "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" postmark was applied to covers. Those deposited in the college p.o., and they numbered approximately 25,000, had three lines of reading between the four killer-bars. They stated "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE/LAFAYETTE COLLEGE/BICENTENNIAL STATION".

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One of those spur-of-the-moment decisions that come too late to permit proper processing of the project has turned out not too badly after all, according to information received from Paul H. Van Der Zee of the Kenilworth (N. J.) Philatelic Society.

The borough of Kenilworth celebrated its 50th anniversary on September 7; at the last minute the stamp club issued a very attractive green and gold cachet envelope, franked with the 4c Flag stamp, in honor thereof.

The subject of the imprint is the famous old Revolutionary landmark of an iron kettle grown into the branches of a tree, legend having it that the kettle had been abandoned by Colonial troops after the nearby battle of Springfield, in Northern New Jersey. (Kettle, tree and hill were removed year ago in a railroad development.)

Local publicity resulted in a fair distribution of the covers, according to Mr. Van Der Zee, but the society still has a few extras for collectors. The price is 10c each or 3 for 25c, from the Kenilworth Philatelic Society, c/o postmaster, Kenilworth, N. J.

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In Europe, thematic, or topical collecting was the natural result of Abbe Lucien Braun's campaign to develop "Philatelic Constructive."

The very fact that it even should be given an appellation including the word, "philately," was distasteful to a number of self-styled pundits of organized philately on the continent, and for a number of post-war years, they were inclined to scoff at anyone who was so "childishly immature" as to collect topically; almost sneeringly they paraphrased the activity as "philatelic destructive."

It is a sad commentary that men who might have had foresight, should have been so concerned with an opinion that "serious philately" was confined to plating of classic issues and the hunting of fly-speak varieties that they could not envision the place topicals had in the development of the avocation among newcomers. I do not feel I am speaking out of school, when I reveal that at several international philatelic exhibitions to which I had been invited to serve on the jury, there were some members who were outspoken in their statement that topical entries were beneath the dignity of an international show, and should not even be given the recognition of being judged.

Fortunately, there were enough other jurors who agreed that as long as the exhibition committees had designated a topical classification, the entries ought to be rated. Fortunately, too, there has been such an intense interest in Constructive Philately on the continent that a federation of topical collectors has been organized (FIPCO). So strong have been the protestations that today topicals have a very definite place in the international exhibition world.

There is one very important point, however, that every topical collector must appreciate.

There is topical collecting and topical collecting. Just building a collection of stamps whose major or minor designs feature a particular subject is hardly sufficient to qualify it as true philatelic progress.

Filling a printed or home-made album with as many stamps of the world depicting elephants as the owner can find or afford is not adding one smitheren to philatelic knowledge.

This method of topical collecting has its place; but cannot be regarded as anything more than simple, amateurish: the first stage in a specialty field. It is comparable to the general collector who simply fills the blank spaces in a modest album and lets it go at that.

The second stage of topical collecting is that in which the owner begins to pay more attention to the person or subject on the stamp than the stamp itself. When I see a collection of this sort I feel that the owner is more interested in pictures than in stamp collecting.

There is, for example, the type of collector who'll devote endless hours of digging up the biography of every Famous American portrayed on United States issues. And yet he'll not even think of or care to do a little research to ascertain the name of the designer who adopted a painting, statue or photograph for the stamp, or the name of the artist who engraved the die.

That sort of collection, in my opinion, is rather biographical in which the owner used stamps to illustrate his efforts instead of other reproductions as readily available. In rating it, such a collection would get a full zero for "philatelic research or effort."

There is nothing wrong with collecting stamps according to subject instead of the traditional "by country" method, provided the collection reflects philatelic work.

When I note a topical collection of "musicians" and such write-up as is included on the page is devoted solely to comments about what the composer did, and none about the postal or philatelic characteristics of the stamp, its purpose or its usage, I'm inclined to pass it by. If I want information of this kind I'll go to a music library where I'll find information written by qualified musical world experts, not to stamp collectors who probably copied what they have written.

To become philatelic, a topical collection needs philatelic study. The topicalist ought to remember that in a stamp collection the stamp's the thing.

Let him collect flags, Americana, sports, animals, birds or mosquitoes, but may he ever be aware of the fact that knowing when, where and under what conditions the STAMP was authorized, produced, issued and used is much more important than a description of the stamp's vignette. I want to know the name of the engraver who made the exquisite High Altar on the Austrian semipostal of 1946, not the fact that it's one of the artistic masterpieces of the

St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna. I'm more interested in the number of stamps in a full sheet of the Mozambique stamp than in the fact that the butterfly's technical name is *Papilio Demodocus*.

I want to know the reason the Netherlands issued a 25 cent air-mail stamp in 1953; not the fact that its design depicts a "crow in flight."

At a recent American Philatelic Congress, one of the authors went into great detail about certain French issues, expounding at length about things which any collector can find mentioned in the catalogues.

He even mentioned the last name of the engraver of the die—which actually is printed in the lower corner of the stamp itself. I was not in the least impressed. It was obvious he had done not a bit of philatelic work that added one new fact. He had, for example, not even gone to the trouble of ascertaining the first name of the engraver.

More and more topicalists are beginning to hit the stride of the philatelic potentials of topical collecting. They are demonstrating that thematic collecting CAN be truly philatelic. Once more topicalists advance from the "picture" to the STAMP in their efforts—which takes only a little more effort and no more time—then Topicals will have achieved the true aims set forth and envisioned by Abbe Braun when he started the Philatelic Constructive movement.

Then and only then will the American Topical Association have proved once and for all that one need not have played the Swiss "Zurichs," the "Sydney Views" of New South Wales, or the "Millbury

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New York Postal Historians Resume

The New York Metropolitan Area Chapter of the Postal History Society of the Americas will hold its first meeting at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City, on Monday, October 7 at 8 p. m. The Chapter consists of members who reside in New York, New Jersey, Long Island and Connecticut. Visitors are welcome.

The Chapter committee consists of Harry S. Heymans, chairman; Philip Silver, Herbert Rosen and Edith Faulstich. Members are invited to meet at the Collectors Club between 5:45 and 6 p. m. to go to a "Dutch treat" dinner at a nearby restaurant prior to the meeting.

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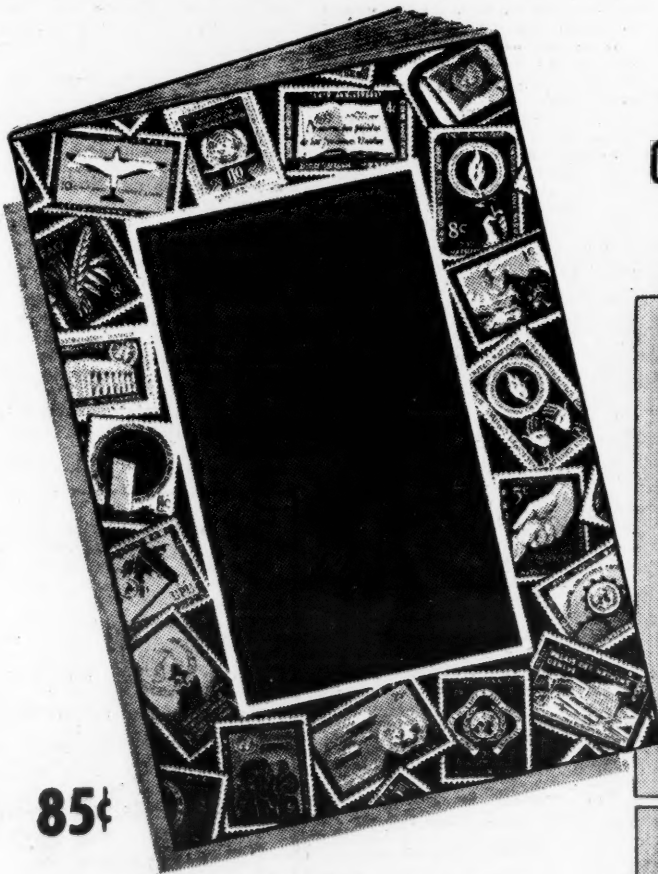
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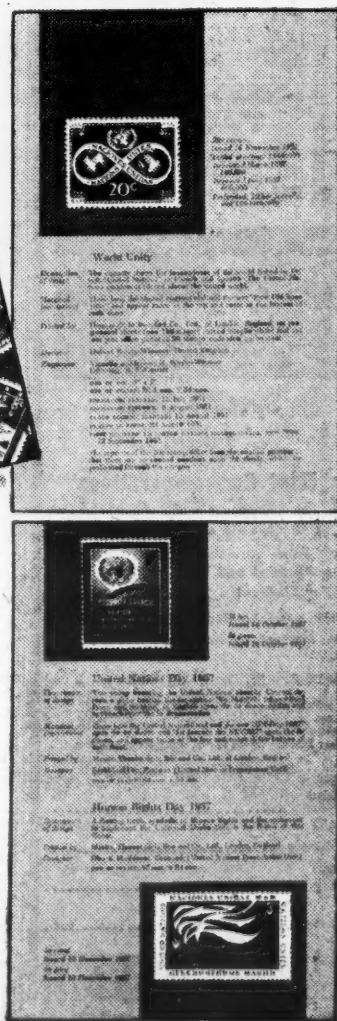
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ATA Prexy Sees Topical Future

Harvey E. Johnson

There are those who make a living by predicting population, economic and other trends but they are not to be construed as "mind readers" in any sense of the word. Here's an example: Such experts can tell school authorities and the public to the 'nth degree of accuracy what will need to be done 10 years from now to take care of the anticipated increase in school population. By the same token, we can also determine the number of new stamp collectors and older philatelists at any given time one, two or 10 years from now.

With this knowledge at our disposal, it behooves us of the American Topical Assn. to prepare for a grand influx of members to the topical field, and of course, to the ATA, which is now the fastest-growing society of stamp collectors in the world.

In the past few years, more and more frames of topical stamps have been displayed at general stamp exhibitions. Many have won top honors. These numerous top awards have encouraged general collectors to take up topical collecting. Also, the person who knows nothing about stamp collecting is impressed by these exhibits of topicals and usually asks many questions about them and about stamp collecting in general. Ultimately a new collector results.

The Association is prepared for this influx of new collectors. The fundamental principles of topical collecting are thoroughly put across by ATA handbooks, such as "Collect Topicals and Have Fun". In addition, the ATA has issued handbooks for specific subjects, including flowers, horses, ships, cows, dogs, birds, flags, and others.

Handbooks about other popular subjects are in the works now and will be available before long. All these are excellent, authoritative reference books, wanted by ATA members as well as non-members.

Enthusiasm is so great that willing volunteers are always available when a need arises. This speaks well for a non-profit, world-wide philatelic group.

Visitors join the ATA in great numbers at each annual TOPEX exhibition, sponsored by the organization. The fast-growing membership roster also increases through word-of-mouth enthusiasm of members at club meetings and wherever stamp collectors gather.

In not too many years from now, the philatelic world will definitely feel the great impact of the ever-increasing number of topical collectors. Many "long-hair" collectors already feel the impact but are unwilling to admit the real value of topical collecting to the philatelic picture as a whole.

The cost required to complete a topical collection is relatively small. Topical collectors usually form a number of collections as there is no scarcity of interesting subjects to collect. This is possible for another reason—it takes pennies to complete a topical collection, while it often takes thousands of dollars to complete a specialized collection of a particular country.

The ATA offers so much for so little that it is the big subject of conversation today wherever stamp collectors meet. For more information about this great organization and interesting phase of collecting, please write the American Topical Assn., 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee 16, Wisc.

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The prospectus is obtainable upon request from Gerald S. Davis, 51 Crosby Rd., Newton, Mass. Interested exhibitors are urged to act promptly, since the closing date for entries is October 19.

Postage Stamps Honoring Labor

Phebe Booth

Most of us associate the month of September with Labor Day, observed on the first Monday in September, has come to be one of the most generally celebrated holidays in the United States.

Workingmen's holidays are as old as Greece, where thousands of artisans and slaves paraded with torches, staves and brickbats to open the Eleusinian Mysteries; or as old as the guilds of Europe who turned out to celebrate on the days of their patron saints. But it was not until 1882 that the United States had a holiday dedicated to labor.

The propriety of setting apart one day in the year in honor of labor was first suggested by Peter J. McGuire of Camden N. J. He was then president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and was an active leader in the Knights of Labor.

In May of 1882 he submitted a proposal to the recently organized Central Labor Union in New York, that a special day be proclaimed "to show the strength and esprit de corps" of America's workers.

It was argued that there were other holidays representative of the religious, civil, and military spirit, but none "representative of the industrial spirit, the great vital force of the nation." Mr. McGuire thought the first Monday in September was the most desirable date for it came about half way between Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day.

His proposal was adopted by the Central Labor Union and the first Labor Day celebration occurred on September 5, 1882, when the union held its parade in the streets of New York City. Shortly thereafter, it was made a legal holiday throughout the United States and Canada.

Many countries of the world have paid tribute to labor and industry through their postage stamps. Thus it seems appropriate to suggest a collection of labor stamps as a possibility for a topical collection.

Included in such a collection would be the various occupations, professions, tools and places of industry that are pictured on stamps, as well as those stamps issued in honor of labor. One might also extend the scope by including the personalities who have made contributions to labor and industry.

There would be no limit to the possibilities of such a collection. One might start with the N.R.A. stamp of the United States issued in 1933. The design contains figures representing a farmer, a business man, an industrial worker and a woman employee. Although the stamp was issued to arouse the support of the nation in the National Recovery Act, it also symbolizes labor marching forward together.

Another United States stamp

would be the Samuel Gompers commemorative stamp of 1950, issued in honor of Samuel Gompers as an outstanding American labor leader. And of course, there would be the Labor Day issue of 1956, picturing a mural from the AFL-CIO headquarters.

The United States is not the only country to celebrate Labor Day. However in many foreign countries May 1st is the day usually celebrated by labor as its annual holiday.

Countries which have issued stamps in honor of labor include United States, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Trieste.

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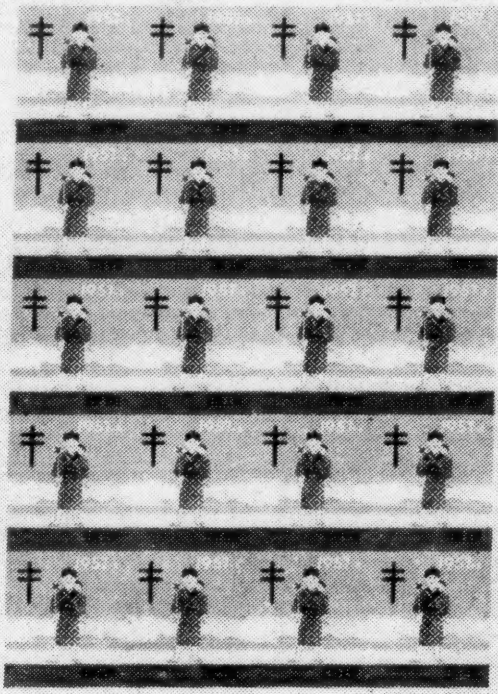
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Two 5c Commems From Philippines

Two 5-centavo stamps, one commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the First Philippine Assembly and the other the centenary of the birth of Juan Luna, will be placed on sale October 16 and 23, respectively "if they arrive on time from printers abroad", according to the official announcement.



The one shows a photographic reproduction of the First Philippine Assembly in session, with a portrait at upper right of Sergio Osmena. He was the first speaker of the body, and also a former president of the country.

The other features the famous painting "Spoliarium" by artist Juan Luna, a portrait of whom is included at the upper right of the stamp.

They are printed in sheets of 50, in editions of 2,000,000 each. The Assembly commem is green; the other, carmine. A first day cancellation and cachet will be applied on request to covers posted at the Manila post office.

Overseas collectors may order stamps or covers from the Chief, Stamp and Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila. Airmail should be used (25c per half ounce) and funds may be sent in foreign money orders, bank drafts or certified checks. The Philippine centavo is 1/2c U. S.; sufficient funds to cover return postage must be included (8c U. S. per ounce surface mail, 25c per half ounce airmail).

ATA "Topical Time" Adds New Feature

Effective with the September issue of "Topical Time" the American Topical Assn. will initiate a new service for its rapidly growing membership. Each issue of the official journal will carry illustrations of a number of album pages from prize winning collections showing how to mount, arrange and write up interesting, educational and competitive topical collections.

Many topics will be included in this continuing series: ships, Rotary, UN, religion, art, sports and many others. The series will include pages from the major award winners from this year's TOPEX, the ATA annual exhibit.

The new service is the result of a study made of the answers received to a reader preference survey conducted by the ATA. Articles on writing and mounting topical collections ranked third in preference, exceeded only by checklists and new issue information.

China Marks 30 Year Of Radio

A globe of the world, from which rises a broadcasting tower, and a microphone make up the common design of three commems the Republic of China issued on September 16. They publicize the 30th anniversary of Radio Broadcasting Service of the nation.



Printing was from engraved plates at the China Engraving and Printing Works, Taipei, Formosa, in panes of 100 subjects (10 x 10). The 40c is orange, the 50c magenta and the \$3.50 blue.

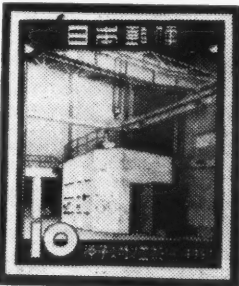
Chen Chao Erh conceived the design which was engraved by Pao Liang-yu. None of the stamps is gummed. The low value had a production of two million, the other two a half million each.

The Postal Administration, prepared a total of 50,000 cacheted first day covers for sale to collectors.

Broadcasting in the Republic of China began with the establishment of the Tientsin Broadcasting Station at Tientsin, Hopeh on May 1, 1927. Since that day there have been various federal, state and privately owned stations operated in the country.

Japanese 10 Yen For Reactor Completion

A 10 yen commem, originally scheduled for release in July to mark the completion of the atomic reactor which has just been constructed at Tokai-Mura in Ibaraki Prefecture, was issued September 18.



The item shows the finished installation of the country's first atomic pile. It is printed in dark purple, 20 to the sheet, in an edition of 6,000,000. Masaru Kimura was the designer.

preference, exceeded only by checklists and new issue information. Since these two are covered thoroughly in every issue, the editors decided to add more material in the form of this new feature to aid collectors in developing their topical collections.

Topical "Toughies" In ATA Sales Books

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Frances Fenner

One of the characteristics that distinguish *homo sapiens* from the rest of the animal kingdom is his insatiable curiosity, the urge to know. It is possible that the perspective of human history will mark our generation for its determined assault on the great unknown of space. Our astrophysicists are beating at the barrier between the physical and the meta-physical as hypothesis gives way to thesis, and theory is reduced to practical experiment in our reach for the stars.

In July, 1955 the White House formally announced the plan to launch a space satellite to orbit planet earth during the International Geophysical Year (IGY) now in progress. The International Astronautical Congress meeting in Rome during September, 1956 was honored by the host nation with the issuance of a commemorative stamp (Scott's No. 717) depicting several artificial satellites orbiting around the earth against a background of star-studded blue sky. The astral theme is further represented in this issue by the watermarked paper (star design wmk. 303) on which it is lithographed in "intense blue."



The IGY, a concerted attack on the unknown factors of our cosmic environment, focuses the scientific resources of more than sixty nations on our portion of the universe. Officially extending from July 1, 1957 to December 31, 1958, the eighteen months period is the occasion for an exhaustive physical examination by a great international team of specialists sponsored by the CSAGI (Comite Special Anee Geophysique Internationale).

A number of IGY commemorative may be expected. Already Japan has issued an IGY commemorative incorporating the official CSAGI insignia in the design which includes a globe-circling satellite, penguin, and an antarctic expeditionary vessel. The declaration of the orbit appears to be that announced for the American satellite expected to take off from Cape Canaveral, Fla. to cross and recross the equator at an approximate angle of forty degrees.



The idea of launching a Space Satellite Unit along with the man-made moon was hatched in the fertile brains of several fellow-topicalists. Glenn D. Everett and Samuel H. Cress of Washington, D.C. being in position to follow development on the vanguard front notified the public via "Topical Time" (Mar-Apr, 1957) of the proposed unit and invited correspondence.

With Frances Fenner Box 46, Alton, N. Y., agreeing to serve as temporary secretary-treasurer, they became provisional president and vice president, respectively to enable the organization to get off the ground.

Bulletin For Map Stamp Collectors

Four interesting articles on map stamps lead the features in the latest issue of the "Carto-Philatelist", official bulletin of the Map Stamp Unit of the American Topical Assn.

Everett Thompson, Springfield, Mass., discusses "Map Stamp Classifications"; G. H. Cockburn, Mission City, B. C., Canada, writes about David Thompson, the map maker for whom Canada recently issued a commemorative stamp; Kathryn A. Fox, Bronxville, N. Y., describes the map stamp "war" between Panama and Nicaragua over the canal route, and A. M. Leitch, Hobart, Australia, reports on a mystery map set which was to have been issued by Soviet Russia. The 14th installment of the map stamp checklist compiled by Wilfrid Webster, Bellmore, N. Y., membership roster, letters, news items and a map of Taiwan round out the issue.

Collectors interested in map stamps may obtain a sample copy and membership information by sending 25c to Allen H. Seed, Jr., unit president, 47 E. 68th St., New York 21, N. Y.

tory manner.

Members enrolled by the end of 1957 will be charter members, with dues paid through 1958. The nominal sum of \$1 is proposed to defray organizational expenses of the unit. News, views, criticism, and comment, all are invited as space-minded philatelists form this token fraternity of space-buffs.

Scientists tell us that the first human being to reach the moon has probably been born. The tiny toddler who splats sticky hands on Dad's desk, or wreaks philatelic havoc at Mom's card table, will be a member of the policy-making generation of the twenty-first century, A.D.

Our contemporaries, Senior

bership application, membership card and other details are underway. The lively response from collectors confirms our belief in the wide-spread interest in the science-theme-and-space-topic of philately.

The basic problem of communication among widely dispersed adherents will be tackled by a news bulletin. The organizers are leaning heavily on the experience of other ATA units in setting up this group in a practical and satisfac-



BELGIAN EUROPA ISSUE. On September 16 Belgium released its set of two noting participating in the Europa movement — a scheme which foresees the unification of certain nations as a political group. The design, common to both the 2fr. gray and 4fr. blue, is highly symbolical of the productivity of the central European area. Shown are two factory smokestacks, a mine elevator, head of wheat and a bridge. Joachim Dill, Martin Luther Str. 28, (13a) Bad Neustadt, a.d. fraenk, Germany sent the cover.

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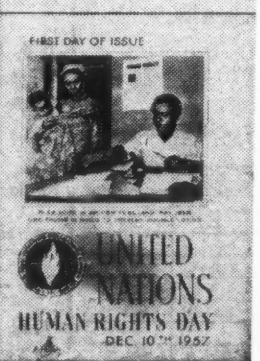
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Maynard S. Raasch

In this year 2040, 200th anniversary of the postage stamp, it is of interest to reflect on the changes that have taken place in topical collecting. You need only to compare philately today with 1957, the year following FIPEX, to realize how easy our lot has become and what pioneers the topical collectors were in 1957. Though 60% were topical collectors then, it was not until 85% was reached that the merchandisers of stamps realized that here was a lucrative market to be reckoned with and efficiently supplied.

Whereas wholesalers sold only new issues in sets in 1957, they now have discovered that their agents can buy from foreign post offices whatever sheets they wish, according to topic, rather than in sets of sheets. Thus the retailers of today are supplied with stamps by topic.

The abundant statistics of the American Topical Assn., now the largest stamp organization with 40,000 members, reveal which topics are most popular. Dealers are now stocking these topics, just as they have determined which countries are popular and stock their stamps for collectors who save by country as a sideline. In addition, all dealers now offer free topical checklists by catalogue number and find they stimulate business greatly.

Philatelic Supermarket

This is the day of the stamp supermarket, an inevitable development of the claim in 1957 that it cost \$2 to fill an order. Merchandising experts have invaded the philatelic field and set up vending machines from which any one of up to 500 different stamps may be selected. These have virtually taken over the handling of new issues.

In the larger cities, the stamp supermarkets have 200 of these machines and handle 100,000 varieties. The stamps are vended in transparent, protective folders similar to those used for vending stamps for postage in 1957. Filled cartridges of stamps for slipping into these machines are generally purchased in Europe.

Stamp supermarkets are a "natural" and have been enormously successful, as the buyer can make his purchases at his leisure, just as in other types of supermarkets. Only stamps in best condition are put in the machines. Some of these markets even have a gambling type of slot machine that pays off in stamps.

All the machines in the country are under the control of a few large companies. In the smaller towns, variety stores use about 15 of the Philatems, each with a different topic or two, as the stores appreciate that the profit is higher and the space required is less for a 10c stamp than for a vegetable brush or bottle of hair oil.

Conventional Dealers

The conventional, old-time dealer is by no means extinct, but now sells, besides rarities, those former anathemas, foreign postal stationery, foreign revenues, and what used to be called "non-catalogue" stamps. These classes have become exceptionally popular, as many collectors feel that collecting regular adhesive stamps has become too easy.

Collecting in these fields has increased dramatically as a result of publication by several wealthy philatelists of magnificent catalogues on postal stationery, revenue stamps, the thousands of previously unlisted stamps.

These men say they derive more satisfaction from making monumental compilations than they ever did from assembling a vault full of the customary rarities. Unfortunately, Congress has still not acted to permit full illustration of obsolete U. S. revenue stamps.

Regrettable business practices, such as not filling orders for weeks or not answering orders at all if

stamps were not in stock—which plagued collecting in 1957 and did it so much harm—have virtually disappeared in today's competitive market.

New Issue News

Stamp newspapers now print illustrations of all new issues and have doubled their value to the reader and greatly increased their circulation as a result. No longer do we have to be content with statements such as "Ruritania issued a 5c stamp in blue."

A weekly TV program also shows new issues, which has attracted many non-philatelists to the hobby because the scholarly commentary on the designs by a university professor provides a world tour of art, history, religion, science, politics and native cultures.

Some trouble may be ahead for the lone general catalogue publisher because the government has charged monopoly. With nearly everything under government control, some suggest that the UPU should take over catalogue publishing.

There is a rumor about publishing a catalogue in color. Foreign governments allow their stamps to be reproduced in color, but the U. S. does not permit such repro-

Stamps At Royal Museum In Toronto

A precedent is being set, and another step forward is being taken by philately, when the Royal Ontario Museum of Toronto, Canada, lends its quarters to house a stamp exhibition November 8-17. This will mark the first time the Museum has opened its doors to a philatelic display.

The affair is being sponsored by the Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada. It will be non-competitive in nature, with exhibits selected with a view of covering as many fields of philately as possible and to avoid duplication by exhibitors. Both Canadian banknote companies are cooperating and will show ma-

terial that has seldom been seen. An elaborate catalog of the exhibition, with colored cover, is being prepared. It will contain an article on each exhibit as well as illustrations of principal items displayed by each collector. The catalog will be on sale at the Museum for 25c; by mail, 35c from R. Maresch, 628 Yonge St., Toronto 5, Canada.

The sponsoring group is composed of established philatelists who are members of either the Royal Philatelic Society of London or of the Collectors Club of New York. They are conducting an exhibition only, with no bourse and no admission charge. Various members of the group will be constantly in attendance to answer questions of visitors.

time-consuming search for information needed on even current issues in 1957 is no longer necessary.

Themately

All in all, topical collecting has arrived and is much easier to pursue than in 1957. The debate on whether topical collecting is philately still goes on, and this is perhaps the reason why the British term, "themately", is gaining ground. It allows more time for collecting by ignoring the argu-

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The exception was a stamp issued by Austria in 1933 showing a picture by Moritz von Schwind. The scene is a coaching party. On the bottom of the stamp is a musical bar of notes, the horn call of coachmen. Any person having this stamp in a musical stamp album is mighty fortunate. There are many ways to make up a collection and it can be changed to suit your moods. Any collector should be proud of the stamps issued by Israel in 1955 to honor the Jewish New Year 5716.

The stamps show musicians and musical instruments which come from Biblical times. The 25 pruta depicts the timbrel and cymbal; the 60p. ram's horn; 120p. tuba; and 250p., harp. The designer was Miriam Karely. These would be beautiful in an instrumental category.

There were some exquisite stamps issued during the Mozart 1956 Festival year. These were a tribute to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Belgium issued semipostals of 3 values on March 5, 1956. The 80c show the Palace of Charles of Lorraine; 2fr, Mozart, as a boy; and 4fr Queen Elizabeth and a sonata by Mozart.

A stunning set of stamps was issued in honor of Mozart by Czechoslovakia on May 12, 1956. These are 30 haleru Mozart; 45h Josef Mylivecek, composer; 60h Jiri Benda, composer; 1 Koruna Mozart's residence when in Prague; 1.40k., Mozart's friends, The Dusheks; 1.60k., the Nostic Theatre in Prague. The designer of these stamps was Prof. Karel Svobinsky; engraver, Jindra Schmidt. Here are some great stamps for study of the subjects depicted thereon.

Another lovely stamp was issued in honor of Mozart by Austria, January 18, 1956. The designer is Alfred Chmielowsky. The picture of Mozart on the stamp is from an unfinished oil painting by Mozart's brother-in-law. Engravers were Rudolf Toth and Maria Clinowetz.

There have been some errors on musical stamps. In 1941 Finland issued a stamp to honor President Kyosti Kallio, showing him reviewing a military band. Two bars from the Swedish march, "The Bjorneborgarnes" are also shown. This march was played by the King of Sweden during the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). Finland was still part of Sweden at that time. The error made was in the second measure where a dot is omitted after the first eighth note.

In 1947 Germany issued 2 values of the Beethoven Rhineland Pfalz stamps. On the 2pf gray, a major music error was discovered, a scar on the forehead of Beethoven. Very few of these exist. The other value, 60pf, has a broken "n" in Rhineland. So much for musical errors.

There are many other composers and their countries who honor them. Chopin, Ravel and Bartok—Poland, France and Hungary. If you haven't got them in your collection try to hunt them up. It's a real thrill!

Suburban Club Has 3 Special Cachets

The Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago announces further details of its "SUPEX" exhibition and bourse scheduled for November 23-24, to include an assortment of three special cachets.

Meetings are held in the newly completed Hinsdale Community Center, Eighth and Madison Aves., Hinsdale, Ill. and in appreciation of the new "home" the club is offering two colorful cachets showing the building, plus a third of the same design to be mailed on the first day of the show.

The currently available pair is priced at 25c. They can be ordered from Mrs. Myrtle Snelson, Box 345, Lisle, Ill. The single, for November 23, is 15c, and should also be ordered from Mrs. Snelson.

Interested exhibitors and dealers desiring bourse space should write Harvey E. Johnson, 111 Prospect St., Elmhurst, Ill.

Non-Members May Buy ATA Handbooks

Jerry Husak, executive secretary of the American Topical Assn. announces that ATA topical handbooks are now available to all collectors, whether or not they belong to the Association.

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In the past, the Flag of the United States has been pictured in red, white and blue on a number of foreign stamps. One of the most beautiful was issued by Spain in 1937. The Spanish flag is shown at the left, the Flag of the United States at the right, and the Statue of Liberty between.

Other countries which have illustrated the U. S. flag in red, white and blue include the Dominican Republic 1940 stamp to commemorate the founding of the Pan-American Union in 1890. Bolivia also honored this same anniversary with a stamp picturing all 21 flags—in full colors—of the nations comprising the Pan-American Union.

The Dominican Republic again showed our flag in colors in a 1957 sports set. Brizal, in 1945, showed a broadside of the U. S. flag, with an inset of the 1776 colonial flag and snake, signifying "Don't Tread On Me".

Additional nations which show the Flag of the United States in full colors include Suriname, Liberia, France, San Marino, Panama, Ethiopia, Korea, China, Russia, Turkey, Paraguay, and Ecuador. Many nations have issued stamps picturing the United States flag in one color.

A truly beautiful topical collection can be formed of stamps showing the Flag of the United States.

Club Paper's Editor New METCO Prexy

The METCO Stamp Club, composed of employees of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City, announces the elevation of long-time "METCO Messenger" editor Joseph P. Furey, to the presidency of the club, at recent elections.

With him on the winning list were Martin Hoff, vice president; J. G. Rennert, treasurer, and Mrs. Hazel V. Clausen, secretary. President Furey will continue also as editor Furey.

The group meets in rooms provided by the company at 1 Madison Ave., New York 10, N.Y. Details and pertinent information about the club, which is open to employees of the concern, can be obtained from the officers at the address given.

Cleveland Stamp Club Elects 1958 Officers

New officers recently elected by the Cleveland, Ohio Stamp Club include Leonard Zeller, president; F. G. Wright, vice president; Ralph Tenhopen, treasurer, and Blanche Quinn, secretary, 1581 Crawford, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Meetings are held second and fourth Tuesdays at the Hollenden Hotel.



Oct. 1-31—Birmingham Philatelic Society, Birmingham, Ala.
 Oct. 4-6—American Philatelic Congress, Monticello Hotel, Norfolk Va. Host Club: Norfolk Philatelic Society.
 Oct. 5-6—Windy City Post Card Club Exhibition and Bourse, Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
 Oct. 5-6—Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs Exhibition and Bourse, Sheraton Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.
 Oct. 11-13—Los Alamos Stamp Collectors Assn., Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, N. M.
 Oct. 11-13—International Postal Stationery Exhibition, War Memorial Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
 Oct. 11-13—Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, Scottish Rite Temple, Bloomington, Ill. Corn Belt Philatelic Society, host.
 Oct. 18-20—22nd SOJEX, Assn. of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, Hotel Jefferson, Atlantic City, N. J.
 Oct. 19-20—Kansas Precancel Society, Hotel Lamer, Salina, Kans. Central Kansas Philatelic Society, host.
 Oct. 19-20—Keystone Post Card Club, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Oct. 19-20—Clark County Stamp Club, Neal Temple, Springfield, Ohio.
 Oct. 25-26—Austin Philatelic Club, Inc. 25th Annual Exhibition, Austin Town Hall, Chicago, Ill.
 Oct. 25-27—NASPEX, sponsored by Nassau Suffolk Philatelic Alliance, New Island Gardens Arena, West Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.
 Oct. 26-27—Central States Area, National Federation of Stamp Clubs, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Nov. 8-10—Waltham Stamp Club, VFW Hall, Waltham, Mass.
 Nov. 8-17—Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Dealer ★ Doings ★

Beamed at the philatelic world in general and at the visitors to the Norfolk, Va. American Philatelic Congress in October, the Montalto Stamp Outlet issues a general invitation of the come-up-and-see-us-anytime flavor. "We are at New Church, Va., on U. S. Highway 13, between Norfolk and Pocomoke City, Md.," invites Mr. Montalto. "Collectors and dealers are welcome."

Paul Ledermann's new 1957-58 wholesale catalog is a 24-page, 8 1/2 x 11 well illustrated job showing recent issues plus the old standbys in properly set-up lots and packets. Almost half the space is devoted to British Colonies, while special packet goods is offered over a wide range of interest. Dealers may write the firm at 33-25 81st St., Jackson Heights 72, N. Y. for their copies.

The fall list of "Gerson's This and That" turns out to be a new sort of booklet with late offerings of new issues of the world plus 16 pages of mint sets of the more popular items such as Laos, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Vatican, Israel, Germany, and Austria. Copies are free on request accompanied by 6c postage, to Gerson's Stamp Store, 373 S. W. Morrison St., Portland 4, Ore.

New issues, topicals, special offers, investment lots—all are included in the new price list being mailed out to all requesting it, by Joseph J. Goldberg, 223 W. 4th St., Los Angeles 13, Calif. Included are the scarcest "Rotary" set of 10 from Honduras, the British Scouts overprints for Qatar, Bahrain and Muscat, numerous other elusive and short-issue items, and a special on albums.

Harry Gaffen, 10 Russell Grove, Bristol 6, England, has a very interesting price list of George VI and QEII issues, plus many older colonial offerings, and an unusual offer to trade. U. S. collectors may send their duplicate mint commemoratives for exchange at face for assortments of all-different GVI and QEII issues at face. Write him for details and a copy of the new price list.

Operating a business from a trailer poses its problems, according to Howard B. Stoddard, 204 Cornwall St., Salinas, Calif. "I picked small merchandise—stamps—even small countries like Japan, Korea, Philippines," he explained, "but still ran out of room fast; had to decide between trailer and stamps. Now have a cabana and stamp business, and one trailer for sale. Anybody interested?"

N. L. Stanton, 1819 Ave. "R", Brooklyn 29, N. Y. has assembled a fine stock of U. S. mint in singles, blocks and plate number singles and blocks. He invites collectors to write for his new price list which offers a large variety of these items at attractive prices, with some special offers in mint single sets. Mr. Stanton makes a specialty of catering to want lists of elusive plate numbers.

The Stamp Collectors Guild, P. O. Box 1, Staten Island 14, N. Y. which is widely known for its unusual offerings of mixtures from all over the world, announces the passing of the firm's founder, Samuel Berzin, at the age of 87. Company director Ben Berzin asks the indulgence of collectors toward any delays which may take place in business transactions during the period of mourning.

Canada at wholesale, used, mint, plates—the latter in a special close-out offer—are included in a new price list for dealers only, by A. H. Thierien, 31 Stream Ave., Dorval, Que., Canada. Beginning with Scott's No. 77, he has practically all of them by the ten or more, and some of the more elusive numbers not usually found on wholesale lists. Dealers inquire on their business letterheads.

Simple designs, appropriate colors and pertinent themes are the descriptions one might apply to the cacheted first day covers produced by the Mission Stamp Department, Teutopolis, Ill. These are made in limited editions by the silk-screen process, and are usually of two or more colors. An ad this edition tells about the service.

For a number of years the book "So You Want To Invest In Stamps" has been a guide to those with a few spare dollars. It was written by Capt. C. E. Milbury who is offering copies through the Nep-

Editorial Board For Essay-Proof Journal

With the resignation of Mrs. Edith M. Faulstich as editor of the "Essay-Proof Journal", quarterly of the Essay-Proof Society, an editorial board has been appointed to continue publication of the noted journal.

As announced by Henry Gates, president of the Essay-Proof Society, the editorial board will be composed of Julian Blanchard, a former editor of the Journal, Joseph G. Reinis, secretary of the society, and David Lidman, who will be chairman of the body. Mrs. Rae D. Ehrenberg, has been appointed advertising director.

The "Essay-Proof Journal" was founded by the Essay-Proof Society when the latter was formed 15 years ago. It will complete its fourteenth volume with the October issue.

Mr. Gates stated that news and editorial matters should be processed through the board chairman, David Lidman, 6 Sixth St., Park Ridge, N. J., and that advertising matters should be forwarded to Mrs. Rae D. Ehrenberg, 164 W. 79th St., New York 24, N.Y.

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BIRD WATCHING
(Continued from page 1)

to make a fine collection, and I set out to acquire and identify as many as possible.

Eventually, I heard of the American Topical Assn. and, still later, of its Biology Unit, from which I have received considerable help with identification. Ornithology being my real interest, I have set up my bird stamp collection in the order of the checklist of the American Ornithologists Union, and have (after many hours spent at the library) written up each species on a separate page, with all stamps bearing an acceptable picture of that species mounted somewhere thereon.

One cannot engage in such a project without learning a great deal. Such collecting is not for the intellectually (or physically) lazy. Never having done any bird watching outside the United States, most of the birds I found on the stamps of other countries were new to me, some of them being Old World counterparts of birds in the United States, but most of them being entirely new species, different from anything in our fauna.

One such interesting and unique bird is the Brush Turkey, which appears on British Solomon Island Scott's No. 77. The Brush Turkey is a megapode, a gallinaceous bird, which depends wholly on artificial incubation of its eggs. The megapodes are mound builders, scratching or kicking together great mounds of rubbish, dirt, grass and leaves, into which they deposit their eggs. These mounds are usually conical in shape and some have been found which measure six feet in height.

The eggs are covered with decaying vegetable matter, the heat from which hatches the egg, and the young chick, a precocial bird, runs off into the forest and looks after itself right from the beginning.

The Crowned Crane, which appears on a recent issue of Portuguese Guinea and on Kenya and Uganda No. 63, is another bird which interested me. It is black with white wing coverts and a white and pink face patch, with a ball of feathers resembling black velvet on the head, from which a bunch of straw-like quills radiates.

It is a large bird, similar in size to our Sandhill Crane, but much more striking in appearance. When I later saw it at the zoo, I considered it an old friend and photographed it for comparison with the stamps in my collection.

A visit to the zoo brought me face to face with the Secretary Bird (Angola No. 355), the Shoebill (Sudan No. 99), Abyssinian Ground Hornbill (Liberia No. 271), Upland Goose (Falkland Islands No. 88) and numerous other birds which I recognized at once from my stamp collection. Colored slides of these birds now supplement my stamp collection — but three hobbies are enough! This can go on forever!

Extinct birds have been featured on the stamps of several countries, and a study of them comprises a separate field in ornithology. Tristan da Cunha No. 26 shows a flightless rail, or in the ocean, and one species on island hen, which is now extinct.

Other similar flightless rails live on tiny, bleak islands far out Wake Island depends on tiny

caches of rain water that collect in mollusk shells for its only supply of drinking water.



New Zealand's Takahe, even as the Indian Ocean's coelocanth, is supposed to be extinct—but isn't.

New Zealand featured the Takahe (Notornis hochstetteri) on an eight-penny stamp in 1956. This bird has a most interesting history, entirely unfamiliar to me until I acquired the stamp, although a fine article about it appeared in the "National Geographic" in March, 1952.

This flightless bird, which is a large moor hen belonging to the rail family, was first discovered in 1849, but was last seen in New Zealand in 1898. However, Dr. G. B. Orbell, a physician in Invercargill, N. Z., after years of patient search, found the bird in a somewhat remote area of New Zealand and photographed it in 1948. New colonies have since been discovered, and the government has taken steps to conserve the species.

The dodo, the most famous of extinct birds, was featured on Mauritius No. 261.

The tooth-billed pigeon of the Samoan Islands is another fascinating bird whose characteristics and life history I have learned from a stamp of Western Samoa. This bird has the rare distinction of representing in itself a species, genus and subfamily. Its lower mandible is toothed, one of several unusual characteristics which this bird possesses.

The Birds of Paradise alone, as they appear on the stamps of New Guinea, South Moluccas, and Papua and New Guinea, will keep a bird student busy for a considerable time.



Canada's recent Loon stamp utilizes the skill of man to depict the beauty of Nature's handiwork.

Angola's fine set of bird stamps, Nos. 333-356, Hungary's triangles Nos. C96-106, and the U. S. Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps (which are extremely fine portraits of North American waterfowl) in themselves will excite anyone with even a mild interest in birds.

The possibilities of bird watching on stamps are endless, and each collector will emphasize his own special interest. One can be a detective and by a process of elimination deduce what the infinitesimal bird might be which

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is following a ship on a given stamp. Or one may try to make a real bird out of a stylized representation. Whatever the line of one's interest, there is always a real challenge to "birding" on stamps.

I still have numerous bird stamps reposing in envelopes, because I am not satisfied with my own or anyone else's identification of them. New clues are always developing, new stamps are constantly being issued (such as Canada's recent beautiful picture of the loon), and new sources of material for study are being developed.

The satisfaction with such a hobby comes not only with the sense of accomplishment after a stamp is identified, written up, and placed in the collection, but also in being able to sit in one's favorite chair after a hard day's work and take a bird watching tour of the world without leaving home.

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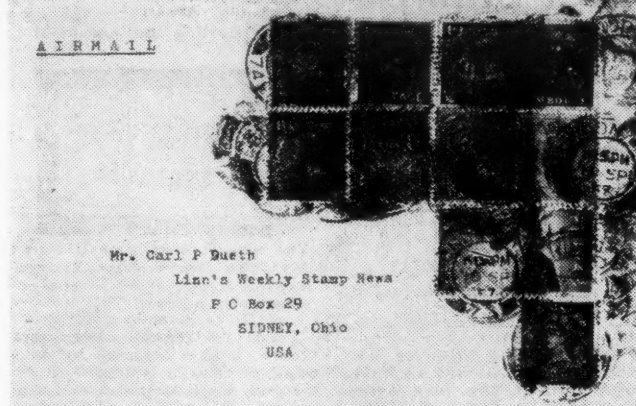
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BERSERK POSTAL CLERK? This cover from England, bearing some rather nice stamps, fell into the hands of a postal employee with a lot of time on his hands or with a tremendous peeve against stamp collectors. There are no less than 25 impressions of the hand-cancelling device. The postmark was applied September 10, 1957 at LONDON W.C., 6:15 p.m., probably by clerk No. 73 as that number is the one which appears within the double rings at the bottom. The British Postal Administration, which is presently "financially concious" of our hobby, might look into this desecration with some corrective measures in mind.



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CATALOGS

Have had several letters recently pointing out that these collectors have precancels not listed in their Gunesch-Coda catalog. Please note that every stamp that is supposed to be listed is listed in the Gunesch-Coda catalog. This catalog and the Noble catalog list ONLY the government issued precancels.

Most of these collectors were referring to issues older than the numbers listed in those catalogs. These stamps are of course local precancels and are listed only in state catalogs now, if a catalog does exist for that state. Sad as it is only about half of the state catalogs are in print.

The last catalog that listed all states was issued in 1940. This catalog (really catalogs) was issued in two sections like Scott's. The divisions though were made by issues instead of states. Part I listed those up to 1922. Part II listed the 1922-38 issues. Although released in 1940, about two years after the Presidential series had been released, NO Presidential were included in these catalogs.

Following is a list of catalogs that are or have been in print for the various states. All these catalogs list all issues and are as complete as possible up to date of publication. Some have been out several years, others only a short time:

Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, California, Connecticut, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maine, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Florida.

I believe that an Illinois catalog was printed but is now exhausted. There is also I think a South Carolina catalog. Not counting the Illinois catalog there are just 24 or half of the states. As far as I know there are only two states pending: Iowa and Pennsylvania. Perhaps New York has now started. So there is the precancel catalog picture.

THANKS

Want to thank all the readers who sent me cards and letters on my 25th anniversary as a columnist, if such I can be called. They all were deeply appreciated.

SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers might want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—

October 28 — Mexico — Elmhurst Philatelic Society.

November 25 — Vatican Philatelic Society.

December 30 — PERFINs.

January 27—COROS.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

U.S. RPS Members At Chicago Exhibition

The United States members of the Royal Philatelic Society of London are invited by the Chicago Philatelic Society to participate in the Chicago society's 71st Anniversary Philatelic Exhibition at the Hamilton Hotel November 15-17.

Thus the two organizations will implement President Eisenhower's People to People Program as far as stamp collecting is concerned. In it both societies find a common ground in a cause which is not only for the good of philately but also for the promotion of world peace and understanding.

The theme of this important philatelic exhibition is the prominent part that philately plays in the program as a means of better international relationships.

Philatelists have always been prolific letter writers, some maintaining correspondence with many collectors abroad. The Peoples to Peoples program recognizes this and urges collectors to increase their letter-writing by obtaining new contacts abroad and by injecting more personal items into their letters to their regular correspondents, so that collectors abroad and their friends and families may have a better view of our way of life, and we of theirs.

Our views on sports, politics, peace and world events are some of the most important phases to be developed. Clippings, magazines and books can be sent abroad at little cost. Thus other interests than stamp collecting may be explored. It is a rewarding venture.

Many important collections of British and American stamps and covers will be shown by the members of the Royal Philatelic Society in the Chicago club's exhibition as a part of the theme of the show, more amity and better relations between nations.

New Name Adopted By 3c 1851 Society

The 3c 1851-57 Unit 11, American Philatelic Society, has expanded and changed its name to "The U. S. 1851-60 Unit, 11, A.P.S.", according to an announcement by Towner K. Webster, president of the organization. The decision to change the name was made at the unit's convention and exhibition held in the National Philatelic Museum in July, commemorating the Centennial of Perforations.

This change offers an opportunity for membership in the unit, to all collectors of the 1851 issues through the demonetization period of 1861.

At the same time, Mr. Webster announced that Morris Fortgang, of New York City, had been appointed secretary-treasurer of the unit succeeding Dr. Wilber F. Amonette, who will continue as sales agent.

The exhibition held by the unit at the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia in July, was generally considered by those in attendance as being one of the finest, in research and material, ever held in this country. It was limited to the stamps and postal markings of the period beginning with the new reduced postal rates, July 1, 1851, on through the issues of 1860.

At the philatelic breakfast it was unanimously decided to hold the next convention and exhibition of the unit in 1960 in the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, in celebration of the centenary of the 1860 issues.



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DOMINICAN REP. The Melbourne Olympic Games stamp series is to be overprinted in gold with the Boy Scout emblem encircled with "Centenario Lord Baden-Powell 1857-1957" and a "value plus 2c" surtax to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Scout Movement and the Centenary of the birth of Lord-Baden-Powell.

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GERMANY (West). A television screen warming up before the picture appears is the design of a 10pf. stamp issued on August 23 in recognition of the television industry in Germany.

NICARAGUA. During the month of September a 12-value set, six postage and six airmail, will be issued in commemoration of the Nicaragua Merchant Marine. The stamps will be multi-colored and the denominations will be: postage—4c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 15c and 50c; airmail—25c, 30c, 50c, 60c, 1.00 and 2.50.

RYUKYU ISLAND. Commemorating the Seventh Newspaper Week, a 4-yen dark blue stamp will be placed on sale October 1. A pen and map of Okinawa comprise the design.

SWITZERLAND. Two sets of service stamps were placed on sale on September 16. The first set is for the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union in Berne, and the second is for the World Health Organization in Geneva. Values and colors for both sets are: 5c grey, 10c green, 20c red, 40c blue, 60c brown, and 2fr purple.

The design of the 10, 20, and 60c values of the first set is Pegasus, a sculpture on the wall of the Universal Postal Building, while the 5c, 40, and 2fr values depict the monument of the Universal Postal Union. The design of the second set is a UNO symbol and the wand of Aesculapius.

Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club Elects

In the final session of the season, the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club of New York selected a slate of officers for the term beginning with the September 13 meeting.

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Like the popular song "Love and Marriage", birds and stamps go together. They have much in common. Both, for instance, are great travelers. Stamps carry our messages around the world, while birds on their spring and fall migrations cover thousands of miles. There are other reasons birds deserve postal recognition. They carried the mails centuries before stamps were born. In the 11th century, during the Crusades, the people back home were kept informed on the progress of the Crusades by carrier pigeons.

Did you know that the Rothschilds, the international bankers in London, kept pigeon lofts in Belgium and thereby received news of happenings on the continent long before any other agency or even the British government itself? One most profitable scoop for them was the news of Wellington's victory over Napoleon at Waterloo. By carrier pigeons they were the first to hear the news, long before the government or the public.

Another news-carrying epic was at Paris. At the time of the siege of Paris during the Franco-Prussian war, the city was completely cut off from the outside world until balloons were sent out taking mail and carrier pigeons. Thereafter, the pigeons carried the mail into the city and contact with the world was restored.



Mexico, among many nations, honors the dove—regarded since Noah's time as a speedy bearer of news.

Swallows took over in Rome, especially during the chariot races. The chariot races were the Rose Bowl event of that day, when Roman governors, officers and Roman elite from the farflung provinces all flocked to Rome to take in the races. Many of these notable brought with them trained swallows.

You know what a grand spectacle it is at homecoming games when at the kickoff, thousands of balloons are released. Well, an even grander spectacle was the release of swallows by the Romans at the finish of a chariot race.

It seems that each chariot was painted a different color, and the winner was declared by the color of his chariot. For instance, if the winning chariot happened to be blue, the Roman fans immediately stained the feathers of their swallows blue, and tossed them into the air to carry the victory news to the chariot fans back in the provinces.

You would know that they had jackpots in those days, the same as we have today, and I think I discovered a stamp that proves it. It's "Test Africa, Scott's No. C14. Note the scene on an African desert, and you will see a group of Arabs who have just rushed out of their tents to scan the sky for the returning swallows—in order to see the color that wins the jackpot. Anyway, that's the way it looks to me.

Coming up to our own time, we know the pigeons did heroic work in carrying messages in both World Wars. In World War I, 50,000 pigeons were utilized by American forces, and 54,000 in World War II. In the last war, the records show that the signal corps' pigeons served effectively on all fronts.

In the Mediterranean theatre, the birds were the only means of communications available to the ground forces on at least 20 different occasions. The intelligence section was successful in utilizing pigeons to send information gathered behind enemy lines.

In the Tunisian campaign alone, 657 pigeons were sent to units at or near the front, and they carried 215 urgent, secret and other important messages with 100% delivery. Calls for ammunition were among the messages. From the Office of Strategic Services we learn that all OSS agents parachuting behind enemy lines carried pigeons, and on numerous occasions the birds were the only means of contact with agents.

Out of the wars have come many tales of extraordinary feats. Some of our feathered heroes displayed all the courage and determination found in the front line soldiers who win medals for heroism. I never tire of telling about two outstanding exploits. One in World War I by "Cher Ami", and the other in World War II by a pigeon named "G.I. Joe".

Some of you may recall Capt. Whittlesby's Lost Battalion in World War I. This unit advanced too rapidly. The soldiers exceeded their objectives, so that by morn-

ing they found themselves completely surrounded by Germans, whose artillery fire was cutting them down unmercifully. What was even more tragic, our own artillery fire was murdering our own men.

The battalion was in a desperate situation. It had only one day's food supply and no medical supplies, and all communication lines were cut off. A number of men volunteered to carry a message through the German lines, but they were picked off by snipers. None of them got through.

Then a signal corps officer sent "Cher Ami", a carrier pigeon, with a message to headquarters, giving the location and an appeal to cease the destructive artillery fire. For Capt. Whittlesby's men, "Cher Ami" was the last and only hope.

You can well imagine the dismay of the men when the pigeon, flying over the German lines, suddenly began to flutter and fall to the ground. That was a moment of real despair, but suddenly, as if by some miracle, the bird rose and was again in flight and completed its mission. When "Cher Ami" reached headquarters, its feathers were soaked in blood, one eye was shot through, and one leg was hanging by a mere tendon. However, the artillery fire was immediately stopped and the surviving men of the battalion were rescued.

Gen. Pershing loved this bird and carried it in his own hands to the transport that was to bring it home to America. The general insisted that "Cher Ami" share the captain's cabin on the voyage home. Today this pigeon is mounted and on display at the American Museum in Washington, D. C., a place of honor for all time. The United States may eventually issue a commemorative honoring "Cher Ami".

My favorite carrier pigeon is "G.I. Joe", who performed so heroically during World War II. The British were having difficulty taking the city of Colvi, Italy. They finally gave up and a saturation bombing of the town was ordered and the time set. Then at the last minute the British suddenly captured the town and over a thousand soldiers rushed in to occupy the place.

The advance was so rapid and sudden that the communication line wasn't kept up, and in all the confusion excitement, no one gave a thought to the saturation bombing that was due within half an hour. Fortunately, a signal corps officer remembered, and there was no time to lose.

He had just the one carrier pigeon, G.I. Joe, who had done yoman's service before and was very dependable. G.I. Joe was dispatched with a message to call off the bombing. In exactly 20 minutes he flew 20 miles and arrived with the message, just as the bombers were warming up their engines to take off. Today, 1,700 British soldiers owe their very lives to the bird. For this heroic feat, the British awarded the Dittes gold medal to "G.I. Joe", the first time such honor was ever awarded to a bird.

Recently the U. S. army was about to discontinue the army pigeon training program at Fort Monmouth, N. J. It offered to give away all pigeons to persons promising to give them good care. Because I knew "G.I. Joe" was stationed there, I wrote an air mail letter, stating that I would be honored to take care of "G.I. Joe", and that our local Audubon Society would share the responsibility with me. A reply advised that the bird was to be given to one of the large zoological gardens. In time, the United States may issue a commemorative stamp honoring "G.I. Joe" also.

Now, the pigeons of New Zealand didn't do anything as spectacular as our war heroes, but they did perform a great service. In the nineties, silver mining was a thriving industry on Barrier Island, which is about 60 miles off the shore from Auckland, N.Z. However, it looked as if the mines would have to close because the miners didn't care to stay on the island. They were lonesome—mail from home came only once a month when a ship docked there.

A young man in Auckland came up with a solution. He organized

a pigeon service and carrier pigeons carried the mail daily to the islands. This saved the industry by boosting the morale of the men.



The world's first airmail stamp? Many so regard New Zealand's Great Barrier Island pigeon post first emission, 1898.

The rectangular pigeonram stamp is now referred to as the original airmail stamp. At first the New Zealand postal authorities looked askance at it, but it wasn't long before New Zealand began boasting that it produced the first airmail stamp in the world.

This "first airmail" ran up a total of six stamps, the last being a set of triangles, (6d dull blue and 1/- carmine) issued in July 1899. Two more, for the nearby Marotiri Copper Mines, were issued a month later.

The pigeonram service was discontinued in 1899 when telegraph service began. Since this was a decade before the Wright brothers lifted their plane off the ground, New Zealand can back her claim. Note the flying pigeon is the central theme of the stamp.



The Great Barrier "airmails" were short lived. The sixth, and last, was issued in July 1899.

The first stamp to feature a bird is the Basel dove stamp of Switzerland, issued in 1845. Western Australia followed Switzerland by honoring the black swan in 1854. Most of the early stamps honored kings or queens, but Switzerland and Western Australia honored birds. The black swan was the emblem of the colony, and a reminder of the days when it was known as the Swan River Settlement.

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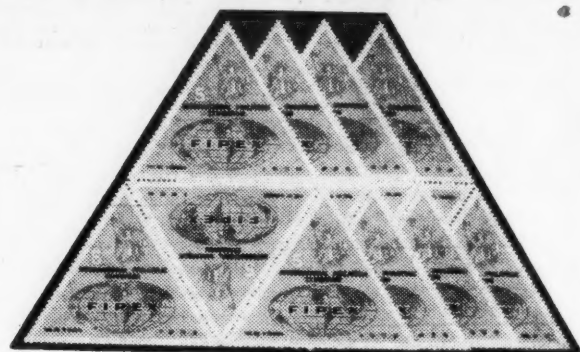
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